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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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I. GENERAL

Feeling all dressed up and no place to go, we were both a bit let down but also a bit relieved when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev canceled his end-of-the-year visit to Cuba following the earthquake in Armenia. Even with no media extravaganza surrounding such a major event, our small cadre of monitor/editors still had the busiest month of the year, grinding out nearly 190,000 words--the third highest count in our history.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In the absence of the Gorbachev visit, our major story this month was the Brazzaville accord, which marked an end to foreign involvement in the 13-year conflict in Angola. Although Cuba's media portrayed the agreement as a military and diplomatic victory achieved with minimal concessions, Havana did give qualified recognition to the U.S. for its role in the mediations. Later, in what could be viewed as a touch of Cuban "glasnost," the Cubana TV network aired in their entirety the speeches made at the UN by Secretary of State Shultz and South African Foreign Minister Botha.

2. Also adding to our workload this month was a slew of Castro speeches, including a press conference in Mexico City following President Salinas' inauguration and words at Tuxpan, Mexico, where Fidel's small band of revolutionaries boarded their boat "Granma" en route to Cuba.

3. Elsewhere this month, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a Liberation Theology priest widely referred to throughout Haiti as the "patron saint of windshield smashers," was expelled from the Silesian order for using religion to incite violence. Per a request from the Embassy in Port-au-Prince, we have been filing all items relating to Aristide to the American Embassy in Rome with instructions to pass them on to the Vatican.

B. Technical/Cruising

1. Representatives from the American Nucleonics Corporation in California visited this month and successfully demonstrated to us and ☐ a "black box" which can suppress unwanted video and audio signals. From our perspective, the equipment represents a real means to overcome anticipated interference from a proposed local TV station which is scheduled to begin broadcasting later this year on the same channel as one of our primary Cuban sources.

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2. Also during [] 5-7 December visit, we made arrangements to cruise out the vast antenna array available next door at the Naval Security Group Activity facility. Radio Broadcast Monitor [] plans to begin his survey the week of 9 January to see if any of these higher and more sophisticated antennas will bring in our targets better. In the meantime, bureau engineer [] provided ESG with a price breakdown for some first-class Scala log-periodic antennas to also help improve our reception of Cuba's channels two and thirteen.

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3. Johnny and Wolfgang also set up our new TVRO room, which we created out of an unused shower space in the corner of our cruising room. Unfortunately, our ROSET cruising project was interrupted almost from the moment it started when a defective sensor in the receiver brought things to a halt. We hope to resume our TV watching after the holidays.

4. In other cruising efforts, Johnny picked up Kingston's Radio RJR for the first time this month since Hurricane Gilbert blew the transmitter away back in September.

5. Wolfgang finished the preparatory work for our long-awaited Santo Domingo remote project this month by arranging for Southern Bell to install the necessary telephone lines. We are now awaiting word from FED for a travel date to install the necessary equipment here and in the embassy in Santo Domingo.

C. Communications

HQS Computer Section Chief [] welcomed us at long last to the ASCII world on 5 December, despite a few glitches from a couple of communications centers that had not taken the appropriate necessary action.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau chief's wife Lilian became an American citizen this month along with nearly 1,500 other souls in a massive swearing-in ceremony in Miami. We celebrated later in Miami's only kosher Chinese restaurant (see attached).

2. [] former Key West deputy chief and current DRD quality control czarina, has graciously agreed to help us search out the Washington corridors for suitable monitor/editor candidates for the bureau. She hopes to test and interview her first applicant in early January.

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B. Building and Grounds

Since living in Key West is sometimes not all that far removed from the developing world, it came as no real surprise this month when the Navy told us that a dysentery-carrying critter was possibly swimming in our drinking water. The problem was traced to some water pipes that had not been flushed properly after a renovation project. Fortunately, we had no problems, and by month's end the pipes had been flushed and superchlorinated.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. [] and his CDC course, 2 December. STAT
2. Mark Bahu, Walter Sauter, Don Calese, and Bill Hall, American Nuclear
onics Corporation, 2-9 December.
3. [], C/ESG, 5-7 December. STAT

V. COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. Young [] was this year's unofficial FBIS entrant in the Key West Christmas parade. Megan, who was dressed in her colorful Korean "humbo" dress, rode on the Mary Immaculate school float which had "Christmas Around the World" as its theme. Mommy and brother Bryan in more traditional attire rode along in the Conch Train with the rest of the families singing carols. STAT

2. In less serious socializing, the bureau chief broke bread at the Casa Marina 7 December with members of the Canada-U.S. Military Cooperation Committee, which had chosen Key West for its winter meeting. The chairman of the committee, Brigadier General David Meade, thanked his Canadian counterpart for not insisting that the meeting be held again in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, site of last year's get-together. STAT

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Chief, Key West Bureau

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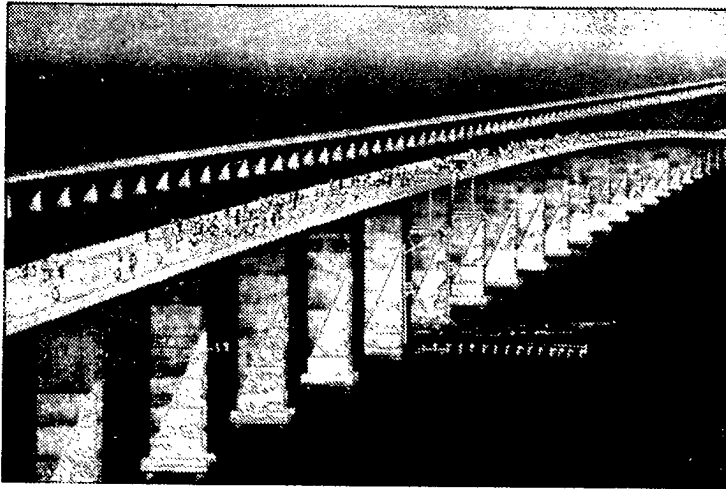
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Florida: North, Panhandle, sunny, cool breezes. Highs 62-68. Elsewhere, partly cloudy, breezy and mild. Highs 66-73. Tonight, clear, cool. Tomorrow, sunny, windy. Weather map is on page 19.

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Early reports suggesting that the island of Key West is returning to the sea, a victim of "The Atlantis Syndrome", have proved erroneous. Reliable sources now indicate that the recent mass exodus was due to the inability of locals to obtain good Chinese food.

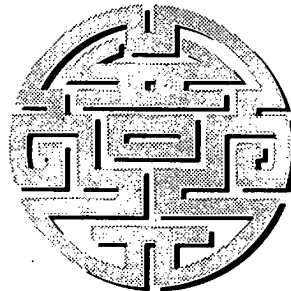
Local Oriental Chef Cashes In

KEY WEST, FL, Dec. 27 - Tom McTeague, Executive Chef at The Reach, chuckled "I've worked all over the orient; I was christened in a wok".

Spending ample hours at the local watering holes, McTeague came to recognize in himself and other Key Westers, a melancholy yearning, manifested by obsessive talk of Chinese food. Having apprenticed in some of the stellar kitchens of the Far East, his tastes are complex. His fondest memories though, are of the straight forward Chinese repasts prepared by his father, then the only oriental chef in Dublin.

McTeague conceived the idea of catering to the local palette with a menu that is both recognizable and unusual. BUBBA'S BEIJING was born.

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Would BUBBA'S cure the rampant "Wonton Fever", remained the question. When asked "Does it work?", McTeague replied "We've had to fend off the crowds with chopsticks!"

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